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After only 27 short years of marriage he was called to depart this life and Christy was again to know the hardship of having to make her own way and care for her growing family. Her task was no doubt made much easier by her children, who helped in every way they possibly could.

About three years after the death of her husband a goitre, which had appeared on her neck just four years after her marriage, began to be very troublesome. It began to get larger, very hard, and black. It continued to get worse until she finally had to give up and go to bed. Everything had been done for it that was then known, but it continuously grew worse. The evening of her third day in bed, Patriarch Thomas Hicken was ushered into her room. She welcomed him warmly and asked him if he would please administer to her. He informed her that he had been milking his cows and had been inspired to come immediately and give her a blessing. He blessed her and left the home. He notified Patriarch John Duke of "Aunt Christie's" serious illness and he came down that same evening and gave her a blessing also. On Sunday morning, Brother Fred Giles came to call very early and "Aunt Christy" requested that he take her name to circle meeting. He told her that he wanted to do just that and had come to ask her permission. As soon as he left, she turned over and knelt in her bed as best she could and in fervent prayer dedicated herself to the Lord. Then she slept and dreamed that she was standing on the south side of her home with her dear husband standing on her right-hand side, and every vestige of the goitre had disappeared. She awoke with a feeling that she had only a very short

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called at her home and left tokens of remembrance and others sent beautiful flowers and many lovely cards were also received. The Seiter Bakery presented her with a lovely birthday cake, representing the holy bible, containing the verse:

"This is the abundant life—
Faith in God,
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